

THE BRISTOL NEWS
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EVENT AND COMMENT.

There are signs of war on the Texas border again. A telegram states that there was fighting all day on the 14th, at San Elizario between State troops and Mexican's from both sides of the river.

Congress adjourned on the 15th for the holidays. The session will be resumed on the 10th of January.

Plevna has been captured by the Russians. Osman Pasha surrendered unconditionally.

Judge J. J. Mackinnon has returned to Nashville, Tenn. from N. Y. with a proposition from the Syndicate to settle the State Debt at fifty cents on the dollar and 4 per cent interest.

MISLED BY DEMAGOGUES.

The DISPATCH is rather rough on itself when it says Mr. Fowler has been misled by Demagogues—meaning, of course, to refer to his views in favor of Readjustment. Mr. Fowler was favorably impressed by this measure when he read the DISPATCH's own editorial of the 5th of July, 1877, in which that paper commented favorably on Gen. Mahone's letter, and said it saw nothing to condemn in its position. Mr. Fowler may have been misled by this, but he has too much respect for the Editors, as well as for that opinion, to say they are "demagogues."

The DISPATCH threatens Mr. Fowler and Col. Fulkerson with Mr. Trigg. Very good! Our clever friends of the DISPATCH did that when the canvass was hot and, though Judge Hughes went along with the DISPATCH to the rescue of Mr. Trigg, it did not work.

If we have to tell the people we "could not Readjust," we shall tell them the failure was due largely to the DISPATCH and its party.

Our Richmond Letter.

RICHMOND, Dec. 15, 1877. The two Houses of the Legislature have agreed upon a Christmas spree at home, having resolved to adjourn on Thursday, the 20th, until the first day of January, at which time they are required to be present at the Capitol to inaugurate the new Governor. The tedious job of counting the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor has been disposed of by the two houses, and it appears that Gen. Walker ran some ten thousand votes behind Col. Holladay. This case of Col. Walker, who ran lame with no opposition, is only surpassed by that of Col. Eubank, who was beaten badly by Mr. Sherrard for the Senate seat from Bath and Highland. Col. Eubank is a Funder, and ran for re-election. Sherrard declined all nominations as the opposing candidate, and a few days before the election published a card, absolutely declining to run.

The first bill passed by the Legislature was the Canal bill, and I am not sure that is not a bad bill. It turns over the entire laboring force of the Penitentiary for two years to the Canal Company, to be used in repairing the Canal. The State is required to feed, clothe, guard and furnish them with medical attendance, with no limitation as to expense, and to take in pay the bonds of the company.—We tried faithfully, both in the House and Senate, to put restraints on the bill, and to limit the time to six or twelve months, but we failed. Two years runs the case along until a new legislature shall meet. It about kills all hope of convict labor to our narrow Gauge R. R. for two years, and two years is a great while in a lifetime.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges has reported a bill, which has already gone to its engrossment in the House, to allow children living outside the State, but near the line, whose parents or guardians pay school tax in the State, to attend our free schools at the option of our school boards. This will offer a good many children living in Tennessee, near the Virginia line.

The double funding deal in the Second Auditor's office is said to get larger on examination. Mr. Barbour, of Culpepper, informs me he has seen two batches of such bonds that amount to \$39,000, and thinks it will exceed \$50,000. Indeed, no one knows, or can yet know, how much of our public debt has been twice funded. This sort of Readjustment is by no means pleasant. Col. Barbour very truly remarked that no man living can tell what the debt of the State is.

Judge B. W. Lacy, who contested the seat of Gregory, republican, from New Kent, has been seated. He is an old member, an able member, and a thorough Readjuster.

The Funder held a sort of caucus last night on the call of a few of their number, so worded as to exclude the 22 Independents. Our Readjusters attended, but declined to participate.—They could get only 16 of 50 Conservative Senators to sign their roll, and only 32 of the 131 Conservative Delegates. I learn they have privately added some additional names. They resolved to exclude the Independents, really not because they are Independents, for heretofore they have uniformly admitted them, but because they are Readjusters. This is the plain purpose of the move. We will see a little further whether these Funder, professing themselves to be Readjusters, can cause every Conservative to utter their shibboleth before they can have entrance to the party. These Funder call themselves Readjusters, but they oppose everything that can readjust. They never called themselves by any such name until the true Readjustment party had whipped them into it.

Gen. Anderson, of this city, has presented a bill offering to compromise the debt by the issuance, in lieu of those now out, 4 per cent gold bonds, payable in New York and London, with coupons receivable for all dues to the State. There will be plenty of other propositions.

Thos. M. Alderson was today elected Judge of Russell county, instead of Judge Henry Frye, resigned. Senator John W. Daniel and Delegate Harrison, of Sussex, came near "mixing" last night. Friends interfered, and when the gentlemen understood each other they found there was nothing to fight about. "Things is workin'," and blood is at fever heat. I SEE.

Gold in New York, \$1.02 5/8.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—A large meeting was held in Chicago in behalf of the remonetization of silver. A long series of resolutions were adopted. The most pointed is as follows: Resolved, That while we have full confidence in the integrity and patriotism of the President, and his earnest desire to fill the duties of his high office and promote the welfare of the nation, yet we view with just alarm the position taken by him on this question in his late message, and we have good reasons to believe that his judgment has been warped and misguided by the bad counsels of his constitutional advisers into the adoption of a line of policy which would give the bondholders an undue and unjust advantage, greatly to the detriment of the people. We have searched in vain through his message for any word of true comfort for the struggling masses, by whose labor money must be earned to pay these bonds. We regard his suggestion that by yielding to the demands of public creditors these bonds may be exchanged for others at reduced interest a delusion. There are two parties interested in this question: those who are to pay and those who are to receive payment. We demand that justice be done both by restoring the old time-honored standard measure of values. The burdens of the Government will then rest lightly upon the shoulders of a prosperous people, but we see no hope of returning prosperity in this financial policy of the President and his mal-advisers.

The Tenn. State Debt. Conference of the Finance Committees—Proposition of the New York Synodists. The Senate and House Finance Committees met at 9 o'clock yesterday, but no definite result was reached. Judge Mackinnon appeared before the committees and explained the proposition submitted through him by the "Funding Association of the United States of America, (limited)."

He said the Association proposed to settle the State debt, extending the time for creating a "sinking fund," and secure to the holders and owners of the funding bonds the prompt and certain payment of interest and principal. He proposed a settlement on a basis of 50 cents and 6 per cent interest.

The committees adjourned to meet tomorrow morning. (Monday) —Nashville American 16th.

The Concert at Pikeville. The following extracts are taken from an editorial in the Valley Herald, published at Pikeville, Tenn., in which one of Bristol's fair daughters is very highly and deservedly complimented: "While we were at Pikeville we had the pleasure of attending the Ladies' Concert at People's College, given by Mrs. E. O. Witten, Miss Nannie Chanceline and others, to raise funds to aid in building a stone pavement from town to the College, a distance of half a mile. It came off on the evening of the 20th of November. We were present by special invitation, hence we were a very DEAD HEAD.—But it was a decided success financially, about one hundred and fifty people were present, and about sixty-five dollars was realized, and about a large number of the attendants were admitted on twenty-five cents. The concert consisted of choruses and music, together with an occasional comic speech. Some of the characters were acted in very respectable style; yet, we would say that we never saw better performers outside of a theatre, for the actors all performed their parts very creditably indeed; they seemed to enter into the spirit of the character represented by them, and acted as really as if they had been accustomed to the stage.

The music of the occasion was excellent, not to say superb in every sense of the word. "The Fligby Wife," comic song, was sung by Mr. D. V. Price, accompanied by Miss Chanceline on the piano. A fine voice, well-trained, brought out with great force the spirit and sentiment of the piece.

Miss Chanceline and the young ladies of the College handled the piano and guitar with ease and grace. Mr. Sherrill, of our place, accompanied the piano in most places with the violin. His performance was exquisitely fine, combining in a wonderful degree the scientific and the popular. He is destined to rank as a musician.

Among those who took part and won laurels in the musical performance are the following: Misses Chanceline, Mary Price, Mary Lloyd, Edith Witten, Addie Northrup and Edith Schofield. Many assisted in the chorus whose names we did not gather. Several gentlemen acted in the songs, and the whole affair was quite a creditable one of the sort. The musical culture of the College was seen cropping out in all the performance. Mrs. Witten deserves great credit for the entire performance. She is to our opinion a lady of eminent administrative ability.

The College has reached a plane of enduring hope. With such a strong faculty as they have secured at People's College they cannot fail of success.

And on this "occasion" we will write one or two more lines and close. We are inclined to think that if the people of the Valley and elsewhere want their daughters taught music Pikeville is the place, for we never heard a better one than that of Miss Chanceline. Why, she is a perfect "ivory pavist."

Bloodshed on the Border. GALVESTON, Dec. 15.—The "Xenos" special report that the El Paso troubles have broken out anew, and fighting between the State troops and the Mexicans has been going on for two days. The following dispatch has been received by the Governor from the Sheriff of El Paso county: "There was fighting all day yesterday at San Elizario between the State troops and the Mexicans, from both sides of the river. CHAS. KERBER."

The Governor sent the following dispatch to President Hayes: "I am officially informed that citizens of Mexico, in connection with a Mexican birth, were fighting all day yesterday in Texas with a detachment of State troops, who were aiding our civil authorities. The Mexican force being too strong to be repelled by the Texas troops, and it being impossible to raise a posse from the citizens, who are nearly all of Mexican blood and sympathy, and having no reinforcements within seven hundred miles, I ask the aid of such United States troops as may be nearest the scene of action to repel this invasion of our territory."

"I have the honor to be your obedient servant, R. B. HUBBARD, Governor of Texas."

THE AMERICANS SURROUNDED. The latest dispatches from El Paso report five rangers and a merchant named E. H. killed by the Mexicans yesterday. The State troops are entrenched at San Elizario, surrounded by a mob of several hundred Mexicans. Both sides are firing. The Governor has telegraphed orders to recruit men from the nearest points in Texas and New Mexico to aid the State troops.

The Cabinet Discusses the Chinese. WASHINGTON, December 14.—The Chinese question was a leading topic of attention to-day at a full meeting of the Cabinet. The recent reports to the President from San Francisco, in addition to several papers on this subject, brought to his attention at various times, were laid before the council, and made a matter of very earnest consideration. It was explained at the meeting that the report of yesterday from the Six Companies was an exaggerated statement of the disorder that had occurred, but the President has been advised from several sources of a condition of affairs which may eventuate in serious troubles. The feeling is therefore entertained by the President and members of the Cabinet that the necessity exists for taking a careful view of the subject.

The boots and shoes of the country cost \$15,000,000 more than they ought to, because of the exactions of the protective tariff, and the increased cost that the people pay does not go into the national Treasury, but into the pockets of the manufacturers.

OLD 81. His use for a Moffett Register. [From the Atlanta Constitution.] Old 81 came in yesterday and wanted to know: "What do ob dese heah Moffett registers set yer back?—dat is, what do dey cost?"

"A Moffett register? Why, man, what do you want to know that for?" "If yer'll 'skuse me, dat aint what I axed yer."

"Well I don't know what they cost, I don't keep a bar room or keep account of how many drinks I take."

"Yes, sah, I know'd dat, but what I wants ter git at n' de price ob de register?"

"Do you want one?" "Dat I does—an' I wants hit bad!" "What for?"

"Well, ef I om'erstan't hit, eb'ry time yer turns de crank de bell rings an' de clock-work counts 'one'?" "That's about it."

"Jesa so, an' dere's er place in dis town dat needs one ob dem mer-shens wasser dan dey needs er clock in er hospitall'?"

"Where is that?" "Out dar at de cluh'ch dat I see heppin ter boss. Yer see eb'ry time dey takes up de collection de plate don't count out 'cordin' ter de way de fokes sez dey put in! Dat argus de pint—de de fokes put in wat dey sez dey does, er does de plate-mover git son ob de cash mixed up wid his cost sleeches?"

"Well, what is your plan now?" "Hit ar' ter tach de registrar ter de plate an' inquire de collector fer turn de crank an' ring de bell once fer eb'ry five cent dat's put in de plate. Den de gas-meter 'ranges

ment 'll show jess how much hit enter pan out! Yer see, dere's some paris ob 'ligion dat's got ter 'pend on science ter hep it keep strate'?" "That's a new look, Si; but what are you going to do when they put buttons in the plate?"

"Dar now! Dugg'd of I'd the'd ob dat! I see gottar put back an' mend dat plan somehar'!" And the old man went off badly bothered over the problem.

Too Particular. "Peucestas," said Leonatus, one day, when the all conquering army of Alexander was on its march. "Peucestas, why is the crupper of Bucephalus like a ship's anchor?"

"Peucestas was buried in deep thought for a moment: "Bucephalus it has no pocket to put it in!" he ventured timidly.

"Saw I?" roared the son of Pella. "Man behind the counter?" pursued Peucestas. "No."

"To cover his head?" "Shades of my fathers, no!" "Because its infirm?"

Leonatus only made a despairing gesture. "Because its a slope up?"

Leonatus made a motion to strike him, and Peucestas said he wouldn't guess any more, and he couldn't see why a horse's crupper was like a ship's anchor.

"Well, it is," replied Leonatus, "because its at the end of the hawser." "Which end?" presently Peucestas inquired, with a show of interest.

And then Leonatus looked a long way off and said that the peculiar appearance of the clouds, and the humidity of the atmosphere indicated considerable areas of disturbance, with a right smart of mean temperature at local points.

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